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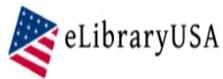


## Message From Public Affairs Officer

Dear Friends:

Unfortunately, I will be departing Chennai in July for my next assignment. It has been an absolute honor and privilege to lead the American Library in south India during this important period in Indo-U.S. relations. I will always treasure the interactions I have had with you during either your visits to the library or during my visits to your facilities. My library colleagues will continue to do their best to provide outstanding service to you. As a going away surprise, we will soon be refurbishing the Library to give it a new look. We look forward to your continued support as I say goodbye to south India for now. Thank you.

David J. Gainer



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### Secretary Kerry on World Press Freedom Day



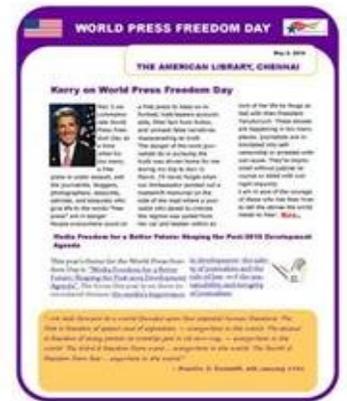
Commemorating World Press Freedom Day

May 3 we commemorate World Press Freedom Day at a time when for too many, a free press is under assault, and the journalists, bloggers, photographers, essayists, satirists, and essayists who give life to the words "free press" are in danger. ([more...](#))

### Highlights of State Department and USAID Efforts to Support Press and Media Freedom

On World Press Freedom Day, the United States pays special honor to the importance of media freedom – a crucial element of freedom of expression – at home and abroad. A diverse and independent press is crucial to holding governments accountable and promoting democracy around the world. ([more..](#))

### Library eInfopack on Freedom of the Press



### 3-in-1 Orientation on June 14

Do you wish to learn about resources and services of the American Library? Higher Education Opportunities in the U.S.? FAQs about American Visa procedures? [Entry requirements.](#) RSVP to [chennaicirdesk@state.gov](mailto:chennaicirdesk@state.gov)



### The U.S. Supreme Court and LGBT Rights

The Supreme Court of the United States made two major decisions in 2013 that furthered equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) Americans. ([more...](#))

**Lost Kingdoms: Hindu-Buddhist Sculpture of Early Southeast Asia, 5th to 8th Century exhibition**



There is a story that, after the Buddha's enlightenment, as he sat in deep meditation, a violent rainstorm materialized. This 74 centimeter by 67 centimeter sandstone statuette depicts that legendary event. [More...](#)

**INSIDE THE WHITE HOUSE : SOLAR PANELS**



Solar power is an increasingly important building block on our path toward a clean energy future. Watch the video below for an inside look at the solar panels we recently installed on the roof of the White House.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**May 1-31** Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month; Get Caught Reading Month; Jewish American Heritage Month

**May 19, 1939** Malcolm X: Birth Anniversary

**May 31, 1819** Walt Whitman: Birth Anniversary

**June 1-30** Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride

**June 5** United Nations: World Environment Day

**EARTH DAY SPECIAL**

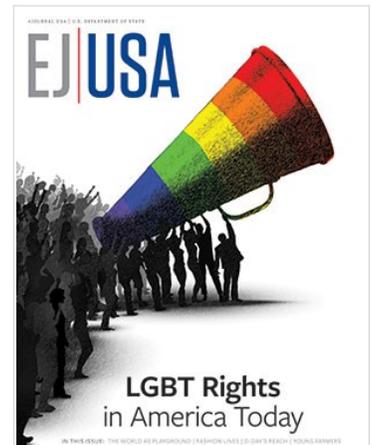


**Earth Day, April 22**, is the annual U.S. celebration of the environment and a time to assess the work still needed to protect the natural gifts of our planet. (NASA photo)

Earth Day has no central organizing force behind it, though several non-governmental organizations work to keep track of the thousands of local events in schools and parks that mark the day.

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**Message:**  
[President Obama's Proclamation of Earth Day 2013](#)

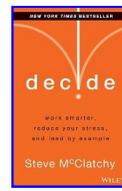
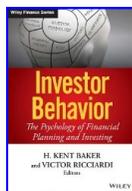
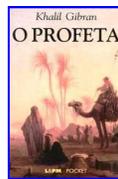
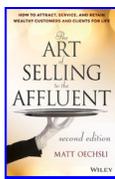
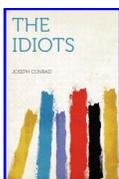


**June 2014** - Americans' support for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people is bringing new policies. How are people fighting for LGBT equality? What does it take for "coming out" to be an easy experience? Plus, one teacher makes a difference in a fifth-grade classroom in Chile. Asian-American designers break into the fashion industry. And more. Available in:

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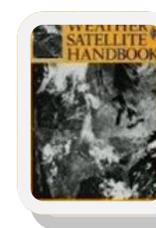
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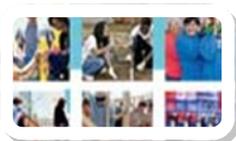
**A Healthy Future**

This issue of eJournal USA considers the factors that contribute to success in improving health — and health systems — in many parts of the world.  
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**American Citizenship**

This book depicts American citizens exercising the many rights and privileges that empower them to participate fully in the nation's political, economic, and cultural life.  
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**The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn**

This tale of Huckleberry Finn and his adventures on the Mississippi River is a well-loved piece of American literature. Considered a classic, this book's story is one of friendship, loyalty, and difficult choices.  
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USEFUL ARTICLES

- [Changes in the Arctic: Background and Issues for Congress](#). Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress. Ronald O'Rourke. April 28, 2014.
- [Antimicrobial Resistance: Global Report on Surveillance 2014](#). World Health Organization. April 2014.
- [NAFTA at 20: Overview and Trade Effects](#). Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress. M. Angeles Villarreal and Ian F. Fergusson. April 16, 2014.

## EDUTAINMENT



### SCIENCE ALL YEAR ROUND

Inspire students to *Think Like Scientists* in the summer, too! Experience firsthand how PowerKnowledge Science supports Summer Learning, Science and Technology camps, and year-round student success. Hands-on projects and experiments make PK Science ideal for summer learning centers and a natural tie-in to this year's summer reading theme. Use the science experiments and lesson plans in the [Resources for Teachers/Librarians](#) pages to jumpstart ideas for year-round learning.

If you haven't tried the full PK Science Suite, check out all three databases with your **Username/Password**.

### SUMMER LEARNING & SCIENCE PROJECTS

This month's highlights explore and explain scientific concepts that students see every day, from ice floating in a glass of water to a boat sailing on a pond.

### NEW! PRINT-AND-LABEL ANSWER SHEETS

These activities (found in [Lesson Plans & Reproducibles](#)) highlight key science topics and provide opportunity for further inquiry. **NEW** completed answer sheets are now available to make them easier to correct. Be sure to check them out, along with lesson plans, worksheets, and more in [Resources for Teachers and Librarians](#)

### GAME SPOTLIGHT

In the [Chain of Life](#), players have the power to create balanced ecosystems with a few clicks of a mouse. Choosing from a backyard, desert, forest, or pond environment, players are tasked with arranging organisms to create a food chain that will sustain that ecosystem. With each organism selected, a window pops up providing more information on it: from how it helps its environment to its favorite foods.

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### SATURDAY MATINEE

Unwind Saturdays with Matinee @ the Library Check our [Website](#)



10.30 a.m.



2.00 p.m.



Jun 7



Jun 14



Jun 21



Jun 28

on May 31

@ 11.00 a.m.